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### Fifty Two New VEF Fellows to Top U.S. Universities

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Hochiminh City – Today, the Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) introduced its new cohort of 52 Fellows who will go to the U.S. to begin their graduate study at 24 top universities in Fall 2005.

These 52 VEF fellows will be attending graduate schools in the fields of computer science, engineering (electrical, environmental, civil, mechanical and chemical), agriculture sciences, physics, biological sciences, public health, mathematics, and materials science.

These Fellows will be attending the University of California at Berkeley, Johns Hopkins University, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Duke University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Texas at Austin and others. (See the full list of schools below.)

The Fellows will be jointly supported by VEF and their universities through a special arrangement called the VEF Alliance. More than 100 top level-one, research-extensive universities have joined the Alliance to welcome and co-support VEF Fellows throughout their graduate study.

With this new cohort, VEF will have a total of 150 Fellows at 44 schools.

“We are extremely proud of this class of VEF Fellows. They are the most competitive and qualified Vietnamese scholars and will have a great professional career. We look to them as future leaders in science and education in Vietnam.” said Kien Pham, Executive Director of VEF.

The Fellows will start departing for the U.S after a pre-departure orientation seminar in Hochiminh city and a special leadership/team-building program in Dalat this week.

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## **UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY 2005 VEF FELLOWS**

Auburn University  
Brown University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Duke University  
Johns Hopkins University  
New York University  
Purdue University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rice University  
Rutgers University  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, San Diego  
University of Colorado, Health Sciences Center  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
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